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SR-56/Ted Williams Parkway Bridge Replacement Begins

Work to replace the bridge carrying Ted Williams Parkway over Interstate 15 (I-15) is expected to begin within the next two weeks. This, and bridges in seven other locations, will be replaced as part of the construction of the I-15 Managed Lanes project. The structures are not long enough to span the existing freeway and the new lanes being constructed in the median.

The bridge replacement will likely add to traffic congestion and will be noisy to area residents. Most of the demolition will have to be done at night because the entire freeway must be closed due to the danger of falling concrete.

The bridge will be restriped to two lanes in each direction and shifted to the north side, or current westbound lanes, and the rest of the bridge will be demolished and replaced.

Construction crews will begin removing the top surface, or deck, of the bridge. Work will then move below the bridge to break apart and remove the concrete girders that support the deck.

The demolition will likely take five nights to complete. More precise information on when the demolition will begin will be provided as soon as it is available on the recorded project hotline at 866/890-1397 or on the project web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/i-15managed>.

After the demolition, crews will begin constructing part of the new bridge. Traffic will be shifted to the new portion of the bridge and the process to demolish and replace the remaining portion of the structure repeated. The entire process to replace the bridge is expected to take between 18 months and two years.

If you have questions or suggestions about the I-15 Managed Lanes Project, please call Construction Information Officer Tom Nipper at 619/688-6939.

